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My dear
Miss Weston & Mr. & Mrs. Weston,
I do not know if the
whole portion of the letter will be any
use to you, as I do not
see your hand writing once more, for owing to our
being too skeptical to be acted upon by me neither
or to our not happening to be in rapport with the
element to which your former manuscripts were
consigned, this almanck after which we hungered
had failed to supply its destined nourishment,
free from whole circle of hundred spirits have
long been languishing for these tidings, of which
the flames ^{unhappily} defrauded us. After a great many
obligations on the part of my Father, vain attempts
at despised indifference, I smothered discontent
breaking out into presumptions that you were in
prison, that you had never received the N. Advertiser,
as if it was a great disgrace to have it stopped for
the second time in a fresh quarter on account of
its being unacknowledged &c. &c. - after letters of enquiry
entreaties for earliest information from north
south, east, west, self-gratulations from Mr Webb
that he was no worse off than his neighbours, specific
applications for intelligence from Miss Letter
George, Miss Peale, Miss Pator, repeated ones from
all embraced ⁱⁿ every one of household & family
so far removed enough to fill a folio with narration
society has settled down into subdued resignation
& is trying to go on with its own business "as tho" they
it had no absent friends to be concerned for. But
it is my Aunt's department to tell the events of general
interest w^t she says she has filled to perfection up

to the date of her last. She will have intimated
that we are not slumbering at our posts, this owing
to being less imprisoned (fortunately) by illness than
last winter we are far less able to concentrate
our energies on "the cause" or on anything, save
claims of manifold character dividing our
energies. And besides my Father, who's much worse
of an invalid than the time last winter, the friends
more injurious consequences follow ~~any~~ ^{any} contumacious
application of any sort, especially any
amount of writing, than was the case then; so I
have to fill up the widest gaps as best I can, & leave
the rest unstopped. Your commentary on the
Banner article was very valuable; I shall make
good use of it but will not abuse your confidence
by letting your ^{designations} estimate of Dr Campbell be known
to the world or to any beyond our peculiar little party
trust. In ⁱⁿ back of W Webb's ^{at} Dublin, is included in his
A few facts contained in your letter we may probably
make public (unless you prohibit it,) such as your
being in the West Indies when you called the Convention,
Abby Folow not being Abby Kelly, Mr. P. Rogers dead etc.,
together with several other contradictions we can
produce just to show the reliance to be placed on
Dr C's authorities. I think you ascribe more to poor
W Channing than is his due from the continuation
of Dr C's Christian attacks on the friends of the slave
you will see that he has been breaking up these
stories of their heresies for years, awaiting the
fit opportunity for revenging himself upon the authors
of "The Christian Witness Examined". It is quite
true that Dr C's violent unscrupulous conduct
^{to a great extent} ~~has too many talents~~ deprived him of the respect of

with & consistent men who know his real
nature, but his paper has a circulation of
from 8 to 10 thousand weekly copies, & the Dr.
Witney & Penny Magazine have a great
number of readers of a class whose influence
^{whether} ~~beings~~ well or ill directed is a matter of
considerable importance; in this light Dr
C.'s false statements, which there is no value
in refuting, are of mischievous tendency.
You will see how tender like the material iron
which his flame falls from the numbers
that are rallying round his standard, &
clinging in with his attempts to shield his
clerical brethren at the expense of the slave &
the abolitionists. I wish you to see the length
& breadth of this combination for this purpose,
there are the official organs of the Scotch
clergy & the Preses, the "peaceable" Friends, the
irascible sectarian Campbellites, all as
busy as they can be protecting the slaveholders, &
of course they will work on as long as their
respective sects &c. continue on the wrong side &
are involved in the reproaches of uncompromising
abolitionists. At present I find it the hardest of my
A. S. labors to reconcile my pupils to this constant &
recurring trial. They had hoped people were ^{and} satisfied
about Abolitionists not being anything else as far as
we were concerned in co-operating with them, since it
had been fully explained, but they are ^{beginning to} ~~begin to~~ resign
themselves to ^{the necessity of meeting} exposing this false issue
again beginning to expose its real design, unto the end.
I am not aware whether you have seen Mr. Gathrie's
pamphlet entitled "Garrisonian Infidelity exposed", if
not I will ask Miss Bates to ^{forward} you a copy for

you ought to see the various channels thro' which the old stories are being reproduced & disseminated. That you may judge how far they are worth no. & ~~what~~ devise the best means. I enclose L. Tappo's broadsheet, with which his fellow sufferer Storyteller yesterday gaoored us, & we presume all the A.S. world of Britain. Mr. Guthrie makes a concise epitome of the 1st Map. Above report "then adds the recent proofs that the moral & Christian" dread of infidelity in the A.S. was not exaggerated. Dr. Campbell will probably copy all the most false & damaging portion. Any one who having previously heard of the Am. A.S.'s real mission, is affected by L. Tappo's fictions ^{by} D.C. & Mr. Guthrie's attacks on it, would be a good ridance. Such unstable allies will never keep up to the mark when any question is proped home them; but we wish heartily there were some way of letting ^{the} honest people, whose only conception of such a society is derived from these foes, know what it is, what it does, & what it has to do. How this can be effected with newspaper, agent, or funds I know not, but makes us wish more than ever for the presence of Mr. W. Phillips or some competent expositor of the whole matter, who could give in words history that I fear is still unwritten of which you talked when in Bristol. Numbers are set to examining who had never attended to the theme a year ago, & it is a great pity the Soc. & Storycs, & Campbells, & Charltons, &c. ^{shd} have their ample appliances for extinguishing the flame & we used to keep it alive. We

force the substance of their contents into other people's
minds by our assertions. So I am trying to draw up a set
of resolutions condemning Dr Campbell's proslavery
course & showing its design, incidentally ~~implying~~^{saying} that
no reliance is to be placed on his testimonies, protesting
against making the A.S. Society responsible for any-
thing but A.S. actions, showing & maintaining that
~~quitting~~^{the} Clergy are Christians
they ~~know~~^{know} Clergy are enough to make everyone infide
& that they ought to be ashamed of letting people
whom they style ~~themselves~~^{to} do their work, & begging all
the Churches in England to tell them so. This is
rather more condensed than elegant, but sufficiently
explanatory I hope for your penetration. We shall send it
about to Secretaries of Church Unions, A.S. Societies &c. together
with statistics of Slaveholding Churches &c. & in some cases
other documents. If any additional idea strikes you
as desirable for us to publish please to write soon, for
the thing is not yet developed, & I feel a load of respon-
sibility at having with such inadequate capacities to be
a L. Appar to the "B. & C. Ladies A.S.", seeing the Treasurer is in
a lumate^{way but}, & the Secretary a myth, never being in Bristol.
However we have two or three very solid foundations & are
hoping to train a class of helpers by degrees. Mr Tribe & Mrs
Stephens are my great supports, but they only sympathise
dark arrange. Mr Armstrong is always nursing some of
us & knows nothing of our doings. Mr A. is recovering,
but his children are ill. He is in a great perplexity about the
Banister. You shall have further descriptions of our
doings & position shortly. I want to send you this at
once. An excellent review of R. L. Carpenter's letter will
find its way to you in the "A. & F. Advertiser" of Friday last.
We should like to know something about you individually
& collectively. Mr G. Thompson tells us Mr Goy's analysis
of the Am. & Foreign Soc is a ridiculous contrast to the
enclosed. I wish Mr J. S. Gibbons would write about
the subject when the "Garrisonians" according to L. G.
stole the Society's name while he took the money." My Father is maliciously exulting in the expectation
of finding the "Am. & Foreign Soc" ^{such to} as priors for his 10,000
pounds! With all our love to all I answer your very affectionate
many letters

Matthews is working indefatigably at the Ch.
question, lecturing, corresponding with Ministers
about introducing it into their meetings, furnishing
statistics of the Slaveholding influences ⁱⁿ & contrate
the Churches with which they fellowship &c
he has already organized A.S. Committees in some
parts & formed them in others. He is carrying on
his warfare with Scoble meanwhile as far
as he is compelled by the machinations of the
latter, but he hates to be diverted from the
work of shoring up the W. Alliance, & therefore
leaves of the Clergy uniformly answers enq.
respecting his sympathy with Mr. Garrison
other infidels with the assurance that it is
perfect so far as this main question is concerned,
that all the rest are minor issues ^{on} & with
the English cannot exert much influence
He is very full of the idea of calling an Anti-
slavery convention for next year to which
Delegates from America of every shade
or party of Abolitionists ~~may~~ should be invited,
~~having~~ having the whole subject
of the Churches &c. brought out & discussed
& that cowards ^{or enemies} in England as well as in
America, would stand out in true colors,
not be permitted to borrow the cloak of
abolitionists. Our Society means work
in this line, for it seems to us the most
efficient & practicable one. We cannot
engage in any ~~private~~ controversy about Scoble
& Spheres stories, for its own contradictions would have
us caught; we can travel over the country with the
reports & publications of the Am. Soc. to prove what it is, or